

# Office of Mine Safety and Licensing

## A Word from the Executive Director



First of all, I would like to take the opportunity to say it is a great honor and privilege to serve the hard-working men and women in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I have always known the importance of having a job and working hard to provide for a family. In saying this, I understand it is the hard-working people in the coal industry that help make this nation so great.

Our mission at the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing is to stay focused on the safety and training of our coal miners and provide mine rescue to our hard-working men and women who go out every day to provide for their families. I would like to see all operators and coal miners maintain this same focus. It is my desire to have the safest and most productive coal mines in the nation. This can be accomplished through comprehensive training, thorough examinations, proper work-place behavior, elevated job standards, and avoiding complacency in our work areas.

In closing, I want everyone to know we have six regional offices located throughout the Commonwealth to help serve the coal industry. Our main office is located in Frankfort. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to call upon us at any time.

*Jerry "Freddie" Lewis*

Executive Director OMSL

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### Our Mission

To ensure that all coal miners in the Commonwealth are provided with a safe working environment; to provide effective education and training to coal miners to foster safe work practices; and to ensure that statutes and regulations regarding coal mining are enforced fairly and consistently throughout the Commonwealth.

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# Pikeville District Wins 2011 Interagency Mine Rescue Contest



Mike Elswick (right), Pikeville district supervisor, accepts the award from Johnny Greene, former executive director of OMSL

Also pictured above and below:

Division Directors: Harold Slone (Safety Inspections and Licensing) and Franklin Reed (Safety Analysis, Training and Certification)

District Supervisors: Randy Smith (Martin), Dave Mullins (Hazard), Ricky Johnson (Barbourville), and George Johnson (Harlan)

Accident Investigators: Tracey Stumbo, Greg Goins, and Tim Fugate



Mine Rescue Team Coordinator and Madisonville District Supervisor Ronnie Drake (left) congratulates Mike Elswick and the Pikeville team.

The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) announced the winner of the 2011 Annual Interagency Mine Rescue competition on Dec. 14, 2011 at the quarterly staff meeting in Frankfort, Ky. The Pikeville district is the winner of the competition, followed by the Madisonville district as runner-up.

Kentucky challenges its mine rescue teams beyond what is normally required by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to ensure their teams are highly qualified when they respond to accidents. The competitions simulate the environmental conditions often experienced by mine rescue teams in emergencies. Teams experience high levels of carbon monoxide, low levels of oxygen, and other ventilation issues while they look to rescue miners during the drills. The teams are also trained identically so that each member may be interchanged with other district teams if needed.

## Congratulations to the Pikeville District



## 2012 Mine Rescue Schedule

<b><u>Contest</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Contact</u></b>
OMSL Mine Rescue Competition (Kentucky teams only)	April 25-26, 2012 Jenny Wiley State Park Prestonsburg, Ky.	Ronnie Drake 270-824-7523
Smokeaters Post 2 Bench Contest (BG-4 and BioPak)	May 11, 2012 Lexington, Ky.	Clayton E. Sparks 606-546-5123
Western Kentucky Mining Institute Safety Days Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Contest	May 23-24, 2012 Madisonville, Ky.	Polly Wilson 270-821-4180, ext. 1239
Kentucky River Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench (BG-4 and BioPak) and Preshift Contest	June 12-14, 2012 Hazard, Ky.	Pauletta Smith 606-436-0533 Ron Burns 606-546-5123
KEMI Mine Safety and Training Competition	July 10-12, 2012 Pikeville, Ky.	Daven Hoskins 606-273-7202 Becca Cordon 859-425-7800, ext. 1159 Marlena Hughes 606-432-0944
Harlan County Safety Day Mine Rescue, Bench, First Aid and Preshift Contest	July 24-26, 2012 Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College Cumberland, Ky.	Suzie Williams or Tracy Bailey 606-589-5812
2012 KCA Regional Mine Rescue Skills Contest, Division 1 (inexperienced teams) and Division 2 (experienced teams)	July 31- Aug. 2, 2012 Kentucky Coal Academy Madisonville, Ky.	Danny B. Knott 270-824-1774
Kentucky State Mine Rescue, Bench, Preshift and MET Contest and Kentucky Mining Institute	Sept. 12-14, 2012 Lexington, Ky.	Geaunita Caylor 859-257-2820

To view the schedule online, please go to:

<http://omsl.ky.gov/Pages/2010KentuckyCoalMineRescueContest.aspx>





## Division of Safety Analysis, Training, and Certification

The Division of Safety Analysis, Training, and Certification has released its latest safety posters, “Keep Your Eyes on Safety.”

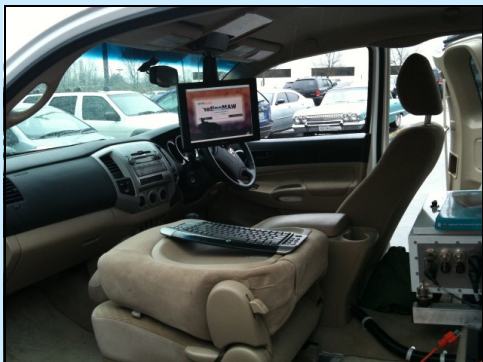




# GroundProbe Comes to Frankfort



The *GroundProbe* truck, used to detect movement of highwalls in mining operations, was recently demonstrated to industry officials at OMSL headquarters.





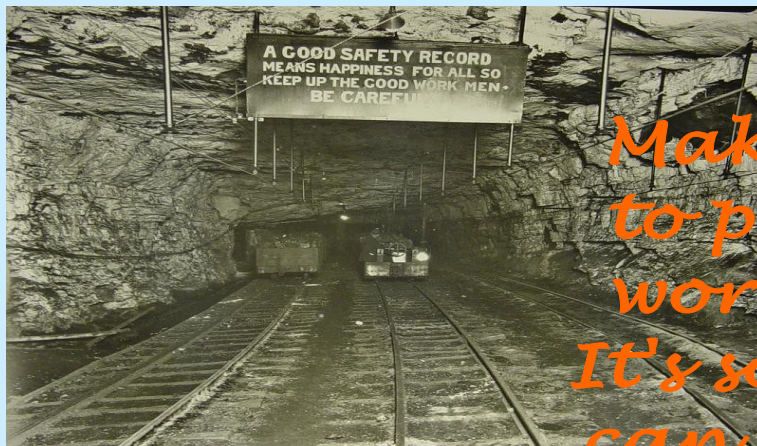
## Fatalities

- ◆ On March 3, 2012, Kentucky suffered its first mine-related fatality for the year when a miner suffered fatal injuries while working at an underground mine.



## Serious Injuries

- ◆ No serious injuries have occurred during this quarter.



*Make it a point  
to practice safe  
working habits.  
It's something we  
can all live with.*





## New Hires

Jan. 1 through March 31, 2012

### Harlan District



Dusty Clem

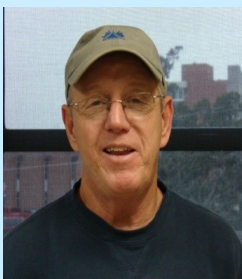
Mine Inspector I



Terry Nelson

Mine Inspector I

### Madisonville District



Steve Morgan

Mine Inspector I

### Pikeville District



Joseph Banks

Mine Safety Instructor

## Separations

Jan. 1 through March 31, 2012

Name	Effective Date	Position	District
Johnny Greene	1/1/2012	Executive Director	Frankfort
Deborah Howell	1/1/2012	Administrative Specialist II	Martin
Ross Thomasson	2/25/2012	Mine Inspector I	Madisonville
James Byrum	2/25/2012	Mine Inspector I	Madisonville

# We're on the Web



Additional information for OMSL may be found at [omsl.ky.gov](http://omsl.ky.gov). Follow the *Quick Links* for the Mine Safety Review Commission, Sanctions List, Training and Testing Schedules, Staff Contacts, and other useful information.



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